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October 11, 2003

Commissioner Michael J. Copps
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445 12th Street, NW
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Office of the Secretary

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Sincerely,

Daniel O'Connell
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Monroe, CT 06468
USA

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USA

Brad Tollefson
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Dear Commissioner Michael J. Copps

Thousands of American consumers have already expressed their opposition to the FCC's adoption of a "broadcast flag". I am writing to join them. As a user of open-source software, adoption of the broadcast flag will mean I am unable to receive digital television broadcasts on my computer.

Adopting the broadcast flag will make the FCC stand for "Federal Computer Control" which is outside its proper role. It is not the FCC's place to effectively choose the software licenses or computer operating systems that consumers must use in order to watch digital television broadcast on their computers.

Additionally, adoption of the broadcast flag will harm innovation. Many users of open-source software are computer programmers and "tinkerers" who work to improve the software. Their contributions and constant innovation is what makes open-source software able to compete in the marketplace.

The broadcast flag rule advocated by the MPAA will ban open-source implementations of VSB and QAM modulators and demodulators, preventing open-source programmers from innovating in field of digital communications techniques used by television.

Most Americans assumed that when television became digital, viewers would be able to do more with television programming, not less. Without innovative new products and flexibility in the ways consumers are able to watch TV, consumers will be less inclined to invest in the equipment to view digital television. Therefore, the broadcast flag is likely to slow adoption of digital television in addition to making it illegal to watch digital television on a computer using open-source software. It is for these reasons I urge you to promote the digital television transition by opposing adoption of the broadcast flag.

Sincerely,

Brad Tollefson

Beth Littlejohn
2273 Country Club Drive
Conyers, GA 30013

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Dear Commissioner Michael J. Copps:

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AS a Teacher, I frequently used segments of television shows and commercials in my classroom to spark discussion. Removal of the ability to tape will hamper my classroom efforts.

Please Leave Things As They Are...

Beth Littlejohn

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Thursday, October 30 2003

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Let the movie industry deal with the problem as a fact of life in a dynamic, technology-oriented consumer-driven market. If that means that there will be fewer movies on the over-the-air channels, so be it

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Martin Jewel

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Dear Commissioner Copps,

To Whom It May Concern,

The FCC is about to undertake an action that will have significant repercussions for many years to come. That said, as an informed and technologically savvy U.S. consumer, I urge you to not approve the use of a "broadcast flag" or other similar means by the various media outlets who have sought this measure.

Instead I ask that you take the matter under advisement, pay for an independent study, request the GAO to look at the potential economic impacts, and provide time for additional public comment.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Eldon R. Smith III

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Eldon Smith
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Lorton, VA 22079

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